

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Commission Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Secretary Dortch,

Earlier this month, the Federal Communications Commission received a 271 application from SBC in Michigan. I am writing in support of this application. Approval of SBC's long distance application will allow Michigan consumers and businesses to benefit from open telecommunications competition.

As a real estate developer in Michigan and Florida, it's important to have choices for local and long distance service that will keep costs down. Right now, people across the state are losing out on valuable savings and choices because there are no incentives for long distance companies to compete.

If the FCC allows SBC to offer long distance in Michigan, consumers will enjoy lower phone bills, one stop shopping and more choices for local and long distance telephone service.

I strongly urge the Commission to favorably consider SBC's application in Michigan.

Sincerely,

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